American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (AAFS-FEPAC)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

Range of Accreditation Activity: FEPAC accredits forensic science education programs that lead to a bachelor’s or master’s degree in forensic science or in a natural science with a forensic science concentration in the United States and Internationally. FEPAC will also accredit bachelor’s or master’s programs with a digital evidence concentration. (2015)

International Accreditation Activity:
2 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
0 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
Yes Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Sponsoring Organization: American Academy of Forensic Sciences

Composition of Decision-Making Body:
Five Academic Commissioners, Five Practitioner Commissioners, One Public Member

150,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

16,000 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 1 Full-time n/a Part-time

Volunteers: 30 – served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

51 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Programs

51 Degree-Granting:
41 Private Nonprofit
10 Private For-Profit

n/a Non-Degree-Granting:
n/a Public
n/a Private Nonprofit
n/a Private For-Profit

964 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: Annually

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: 5 years.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

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Summary of Additional Actions

11 Substantive Changes Reviewed

9 Site Visits

1 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation